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MONEY KINGS DEBATE ASKING THE PRESIDENT TO CONVENE CONGRESS

J. P. Morgan Assembles Fifteen Financiers at
Home for Conference—Host Leaves City
Possibly for Washington.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—The advisability of asking President Roosevelt to call an extra session of Congress to deal with the financial situation was discussed at a series of conferences today between J. P. Morgan and about fifteen of the country's leading financiers at Morgan's home.

Among the men present were George W. Perkins, Charles Steele, James Stillman, president of the National City Bank; President Baker, of the First Na-

tional; A. B. Hepburn, president of the Chase National; Isaac Seligman, and Grant B. Schley.

No formal statement was made by any who attended the meeting, but it is understood arrangements were made for any protective measures that may be needed next week.

Mr. Morgan left home late in the afternoon and there were rumors that he was going to Washington to talk over financial matters with the President.

POISON FOUND IN STOMACH OF DEAD CLUBMAN

Millionaire Baker May
Have Been Murdered,
Believe Gotham
Police.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Walter Farnsworth Baker, the rich Harvard graduate, clubman, and bon vivant, whose sudden and mysterious death in the home of his friend, Frank Hurd, in Bogota, N. J., last Sunday, has stirred the Baker family to swift investigation, died from poison.

This was established today, when an analysis of the contents of the stomach in Boston disclosed enough chloral hydrate, or "knockout drops," to kill three men.

Following this discovery came the significant statement that an arrest soon would be made, and also that other causes beside poison might have contributed to Baker's death.

Detectives Reticent.

Not one of the detectives engaged on the case, however, would commit himself to a statement as to whether the poison was taken by Baker accidentally or with suicidal intent, or was administered by another.

Soon after the report of the analysis was made known, Edward Baker held a long consultation with his attorneys, Bates, Nay, and Abbott, after which Mr. Nay accompanied by Dr. Sherwin Gibson, the Baker family physician, left for New York.

Dispatches from Boston tonight said Baker's patrimony of more than \$2,000,000 had dwindled to between \$500,000 and \$750,000, and that he had left this money by will to Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hurd, of Bogota, with whom he had made his home for the best part of two years, and to Mrs. George W. Young, who is said to be the wife of the president of the Windsor Trust Company. It is also said Mrs. Johnson, a sister of Mrs. Young and Mrs. Hurd, was generously remembered by Baker.

Generous Entertainer.

Walter Farnsworth Baker was thirty-four years of age. He was an undersized man, distinguished chiefly as a generous giver of dinners to members of the theatrical choruses.

He was a graduate of Harvard in the nineties, a member of the Harvard and University Clubs, of Boston.

When his father died the fortune was left that he could not come into it until the death of his mother. This occurred three years ago, and he came into an estate estimated as worth from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000.

HIS AID TO WOMAN COSTS MONTH'S PAY

The desire to aid a woman last night resulted in the loss to John S. Farley, a member of No. 10 Engine Company, of \$10, his month's salary. According to Mr. Farley, while walking along Four-and-a-half street he was accosted by a woman, who said that she was ill and requested that he escort her to her home, 316 Maine avenue.

This he did and upon returning to his own home, 146 North Capitol street, discovered that his money was missing. The central office detectives are investigating the case.

POPE ILL, PARIS HEARS.

PARIS, Nov. 2.—The Eclair says that the Pope is suffering from another attack of heart trouble and has canceled all engagements. His holiness remains in his private chambers most of the time.

PRINCESS' GIRL IS TERRORIST; NOT KIDNAPED

Barbara Lapoukine Filled
Mission for Society
While Detectives
Hunted Her.

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Barbara Lapoukine, the eighteen-year-old daughter of a Russian princess, was not kidnaped by terrorists at all, as her friends reported to the London police early this week, but is a terrorist herself, according to the weekly Dispatch, and disappeared in answer to a summons to duty in the revolutionists' cause.

The dispatch says that the girl is known to be a member of a powerful organization of Russian radicals with a branch in London, and declares it beyond question that she was called to perform some mission of the society.

Scotland Yard activity, the Dispatch thinks, finally threatened to expose the society's existence, and Miss Lapoukine returned home and put an end to the quest for her.

Miss Lapoukine was hustled from her governess' side as the two were leaving a London theater, smuggled into a carriage, and driven away while the governess screamed for help.

After a few days' absence, during which the police scoured the kingdom for her, the girl suddenly reappeared, joined her father and left England with him without a word of explanation either of her disappearance or return.

Accuses Wife Of Firing Bed To Do Murder

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—John Anderson, dying from burns tonight made a statement to the police, charging his wife, Matilda, with having set fire to his bed while he lay asleep. Anderson returned home late yesterday, according to his wife, after a debauch, and without disturbing himself on the bed.

The woman denies knowledge as to the manner in which her husband received his injuries. He alleges she poured gasoline on his hair, the bed, and his clothing, and touched a match to his head. He was not aware of her designs, he said, until his hair and clothes were ablaze.

Anderson was writhing on the floor, when neighbors burst into the house and extinguished the flames. Mrs. Anderson is under arrest.

POPE MAY HELP HELEN MALONEY

LONDON, Nov. 2.—Samuel Clarkson, the young Briton reported to have eloped from New York with Helen Maloney, daughter of Martin Maloney, the Standard Oil millionaire, has disappeared from London again and it is said he is on his way back to Paris.

The Vatican has been informally asked, it is known here, whether there is any hope of papal assistance in freeing the Standard Oil man's daughter from the matrimonial tangle in which her name has been involved.

The answer is said to have been returned that, as a preliminary to any action the young woman must solemnly engage to live apart from her husband or husbands until the Pope decides such questions as may be raised and that consideration of the matter may continue anywhere from six months to ten years.

May Implicate Banker Walsh In Government Letter Theft; Spy His Agent, Jury's Theory

Detectives Will Ask if
Chicagoan Paid for
Information.

Other Men of Promi-
nence May Be Con-
nected.

Girl Confesses Charges
and Draws in Man
Companion.

CHICAGO, Nov. 2.—John R. Walsh, the Chicago banker, accused of wrecking three banks, and John S. Miller, chief attorney, may be called before the grand jury as witnesses in the investigation of the theft of letters from the United States district attorney's office in the Walsh case.

This was the report today, following a conference of Attorney Sims, Chief Porter, of the United States Secret Service and their aides, in connection with the arrest of Miss Etta L. McLean and Alexander B. Gordee, charged with stealing the letters.

The federal grand jury will attempt to learn of reported interviews between Gordee and men said to be agents of John R. Walsh.

Questions Concern Walsh.

The grand jury investigation, directed against Gordee and the McLean woman, will be to find answers to these questions:

Were Gordee and Miss McLean in the employ of Walsh or his agents?
Did Gordee receive money for copies of letters stolen from the district attorney's office, and if so, how much did he receive, and by whom was it paid?
Did Miss McLean steal only Walsh documents?

Where did Gordee obtain money to live lavishly, the Government declaring he had no visible means of support?

That Gordee and Miss McLean have been spending money far in excess of their incomes today. Secret Service men declare that they had learned Gordee had not worked for a year and had no source of revenue. He and Miss McLean are known to have enjoyed expensive dinners, theater and after-theater parties and automobile and driving parties.

Worked for Gordee.

The Federal authorities are now working on the theory that Miss McLean's connection with the theft of the letters from District Attorney Sims' office, in which she was employed as a stenographer, was at the instigation of Gordee, who was acting for some other person.

Loves Gordee.

Miss McLean when seen at the county jail, where she and Gordee are held, showed a disposition to protect Gordee, whom she said she loved.

"I met Gordee in Boston some time before I came to Chicago," she said. "When I came here we renewed our acquaintance. Of course it is a personal question, but I do love him."

"I have been married," she continued, "but was divorced from my husband in Boston. It matters not what his name was. My maiden name was McLean, and I use that. I met Mr. Gordee a long time after I had been divorced, and, of course, he had nothing to do with my family affairs."

"When I told the letters which concerned Mr. Walsh's affairs," she said, "a smile again coming to her face, 'It was not as a thief, for at various times since I had been working for Mr. Sims I had taken home letters of importance just to read them over.'"

"I talked with Mr. Gordee just as a girl would talk to her beau. I was interested in my work and I talked about it to him and I naturally talked about the Walsh case. I felt proud over the fact that Mr. Sims would trust me with such important work, and I wanted Mr. Gordee to feel proud of me, too. So I told him about the work."

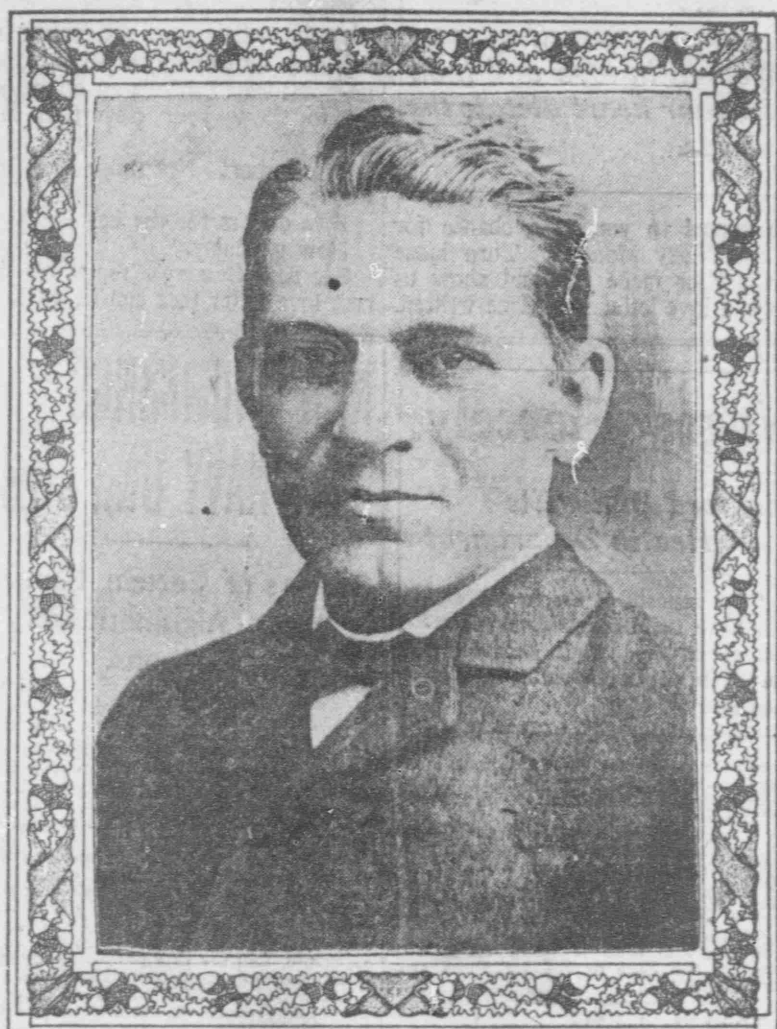
"I never thought of wrong doing. If Gordee has turned against me, as I am told, I will suffer alone. I never thought of the papers being sold. I never thought of getting any money; but if they were sold and if money was gotten, I didn't get any. I wasn't offered any. I didn't know anything about it, and I will suffer alone for what was done."

SANTO DOMINGO PLANS FOR NATIONAL MUSEUM

In order to make provision for the establishment of a national museum for the preservation of antique objects and valuable relics, President Morales, of the Santo Domingo Republic, has issued a decree declaring that all such articles found are the exclusive property of the republic, and may neither be sold, taken from the country, nor appropriated by private persons. Objects found are to be delivered to the nearest government officer, who will make a proper disposition of it, and recommend the finder for honorable mention.

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JOHN R. WALSH,
Chicago Banker Who Will Be Questioned by the Grand Jury Concerning the
Theft of Letters From Attorney General's Office.

GIRLS TO CLEAR ACCUSED ACTOR, ATTORNEY SAYS

Hitchcock's Lawyer Visited
by Bella MacKenzie.
Think Him Insane.

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—On the strength of information now in their possession after a visit to the office of Attorney Herman Fromme, made this afternoon by Bella MacKenzie, attorneys for Raymond Hitchcock, the missing comedian, declare they can establish beyond a doubt the innocence of their client, against whom charges of having wronged young girls are now pending.

Bella MacKenzie, one of the girls with whom Hitchcock's name has been linked, and who was reported to have gone away with the actor, voluntarily visited Attorney Fromme this afternoon, and according to the latter, made an affidavit which refutes the charges made against Hitchcock by officers of the Gerry Society.

The MacKenzie girl, who is an acquaintance of the girl Hitchcock is said to have wronged, declares that she has talked with the latter since Hitchcock's flight, and that if the latter returns and faces the charges against him, these girls will swear that he never wronged them.

Up to a late hour tonight no word has been received from the missing actor, who has been variously reported in half a dozen cities in as many different states. Many friends of the comedian voice the sentiment that Hitchcock's mind has given way under the strain of the charges against him.

Herman Fromme, his attorney, tonight gave it as his opinion that his client, who had voluntarily given a number of statements to the district attorney, which were not required of him, and which are misconstrued, had been appalled at the attacks made on him by the newspapers, and had lost his nerve. Fromme declared that his one wish is to get his client back to New York in court, so that he may have a chance to establish his innocence.

DUTCH AMBUSHED; NINETEEN SLAIN

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 2.—A party of 100 natives of the Island of Flores was ambushed and wiped out by a Dutch patrol of nineteen men, according to a dispatch from Batavia, murdering not only the soldiers, but the women and children who accompanied them.

TRIANGULAR CAMPAIGN
CLOSES IN CINCINNATI

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Nov. 2.—A triangular campaign for the control of the city politically closed here tonight with rallies held in different parts of the city by the Republicans, the Democrats, and the adherents of the new city party.

The latter gathered at Music Hall, where a big mass meeting was held. The city party stands for the separation of national politics and municipal issues and is making a strong fight on George B. Cox, who has regained complete control of the Republican party in Cincinnati.

TEACHER ARRESTED BY RATE FATHER FOR WHIPPING BOY

Nineteen-Year-Old Prin-
cipal Must Appear Be-
fore Grand Jury.

ROCKVILLE, Md., Nov. 2.—Because J. W. Manion, the nineteen-year-old principal of Bethesda school, chastised a son of Lewis Teltow, of Bethesda Park, in a manner Mr. Teltow considered too severe, the father has had the teacher haled before a justice of the peace and held for the action of the grand jury.

The boy's father claims the blood was cut from the boy's legs, that great welts were made upon his back, and that he was so severely punished that he was unable to leave his bed on the following morning.

Mr. Teltow at once had Manion arrested and carried before Justice Loughborough. A hearing was waived on the part of the teacher, and he was held in bail to await the action of the grand jury. Somehow the occurrence was kept very quiet for several days, but since it has leaked out there is little else talked of among the citizens of Bethesda district. The incident has caused the withdrawal from school of a number of pupils by their parents.

WOMEN POISONED; FOUND IN AGONY

Georgetown Hospital contains two colored women this morning who are unconscious from poison of a nature the physicians have not yet been able to determine.

The circumstances under which they were found only adds mystery to the case. When Lloyd D. Smoot and his wife returned to their home, 222 E. street northwest, last night at 10:30 o'clock, they found their two servants, Bertha and Alice Shields, who are sisters, lying unconscious on the floor of the front room of the basement of the house.

Alice, who is thirty years old, was conscious, while Bertha, who is aged twenty-five years, was clothed in a wrapper. There were no signs of violence of any sort. A half hour before they were found by Mr. Smoot they were heard laughing by some one in the house.

Policemen McDermott and Davis responded to Mr. Smoot's telephone message to the Seventh precinct police station for aid. The two women were carried to the Georgetown Hospital, where they were pronounced to be suffering from some sort of poisoning.

ADMIRAL EVANS GUEST AT LOTUS CLUB DINNER

NEW YORK, Nov. 2.—Rear Admiral Robley D. Evans, commander of the fleet that is soon to start for the Pacific, was the guest of honor tonight at a dinner given by the Lotus Club. The Fifth avenue clubhouse was fittingly decorated for the occasion.

Cut Flowers or Designs for Weddings or Banquets, Shaffer, 14th & Eye, Adv.

STOP SCHOOLS; NOT SANITARY, AGREES BOARD

Berret, Petworth, and Emery Buildings After
Investigation Are Declared to Be Dangerous
to the Pupils.

Captain Oyster Emphatic in Denunciation of Con-
ditions—Tells of Inspection at Meeting
of the Board.

Resolution Passed to Suspend Instruction If the
Dangers Are Not Removed Within
Thirty Days.

The most drastic action in the history of the District's school affairs was taken by the Board of Education at a special meeting yesterday afternoon when that body unanimously voted to close the Petworth, Emery, and Berret schools within thirty days unless Building Inspector Ashford makes certain requested repairs to remedy the existing unsanitary conditions in the three buildings.

This action, as forecast exclusively in The Times yesterday afternoon, was taken upon the recommendation of President Oyster of the board, and followed a recent inspection of these schools by that official and also by representatives of the Health Department.

The board, however, made the resolution even more sweeping by declaring that if the sanitary conditions of any or all of the schools became more aggravated prior to the expiration of the thirty days, the schools should be summarily closed.

The board's unusual course, was precipitated by a recent communication from the Building Inspector, in which he informed its president that he could not make the repairs in one of the buildings, the Petworth, until Christmas, and that the other two buildings would probably receive attention in the fall of 1908.

CONDITIONS ARE SEVERELY CRITICISED.

"If my private property was in the same condition as these buildings," said Captain Oyster, "I would be brought before the Police Court and fined."

Probably the most interesting portion of President Oyster's recommendation is an extract from a letter sent him by the building inspector, in which that official sets forth that little dependence should be put in the criticisms of the Health Department, upon which the board based a portion of its request.

The letter received by President Oyster from the inspector, he says, reads as follows:

"The reports of the Health Officer are rather in the form of criticism, and have little bearing on practical conditions, and consequently are not to be depended on without further investigation. They are, however, necessarily alarming, and should not be given any more publicity than necessary."

Oyster Reads Recommendation.

President Oyster read his recommendation to the board in a calm, deliberate manner, although it was evident that he was fully aroused to the present crisis in the sanitary conditions of the three schools, and desired to have the needed repairs made or to close them.

When Captain Oyster finished his report Attorney Swayze McNamara was asked if the board had the legal right to take such action.

"You have exclusive control over the schools," the attorney replied, "and, although your action may seem rather drastic, if you are convinced that the health of the children is being menaced by unsanitary conditions and the schools named, you have a perfect right to close them, just as you would in case of an epidemic of any kind."

Mrs. Mussey then moved the adoption of President Oyster's suggestion, her motion being seconded by Mr. Hoover. The board later unanimously passed the resolution, with the additional proviso that the schools might be closed earlier if the sanitary conditions became more aggravated.

President Oyster asked at this juncture if it was the wish of the board that he continue his inspection of the various other school buildings.

Would Stop Criticism.

"Mr. Ashford has objected to my visiting the schools and criticizing them," said Captain Oyster, "and if the board desires that I should stop these visits I would be glad to have it inform me."

A chorus of "No; keep it up," greeted this remark. The president of the board then stated his willingness to continue his visits, informing the board that he would probably have another report to submit to the body at its next meeting.

Captain Oyster's recommendation upon which the board acted yesterday is in part as follows:

"A situation has arisen as to three schools under the control of this board which in my opinion calls for immediate action. The buildings involved are the Emery, the Berret, and the Petworth. In each case there is grave question as to whether the board will be warranted in continuing to expose the children for whom it is responsible to the possible ill effect of the prevailing sanitary conditions."

"Complaint as to the sanitation of the Emery School has been on file in this office and in the office of the District Commissioners since the spring of 1906. It was renewed and enlarged last March. In the course of the summer certain repairs were made to the heating apparatus, the walls, and the roof, and the rain spouts, but the urgent need for

repairs to the plumbing was passed over.

"How pressing that need was will be clear to the board from the formal statement of the Acting Health Officer (which I submit to the board herewith) informing the board of flushing tanks which leak and keep the floor 'constantly wet' of a steam pipe which leaks and keeps the floor beneath 'constantly wet'; of water leaking through one of the basement walls 'keeping the floor of the hall and the wall outside constantly wet and malodorous'; and saying that 'this condition has existed since the construction of the buildings,' and that 'nothing is expected to be done until contemplated new toilets are constructed.'"

"These conditions, as particularly set forth by the Health Officer, have been formally reported by the board to the Inspector of Buildings, by whom, as he claims, the corrections must be ordered. Under date of October 26, in a letter (which is herewith submitted) that official informs us that 'the defects in the present building will be corrected at the same time the addition is built.'"

"The Engineer Commissioner has stated to me that the addition will be finished, according to present plans, by next fall—that is, the opening of school in 1908."

Lack of Water.

"In the Berret School, the continued use of the only available play-space for the storage of lumber and the ruin of the front lawn have been overshadowed since the opening of the school year by a lack of water. Regular water connections have not been made since September 23 last. Temporary connections supplied the cooking room and the temporary comfort rooms until Thursday, October 22 last. Then, without notice to the principal, the water was disconnected from the cooking room and the girls' room, and the whole school building made to depend upon a single faucet in the boys' room. The cooking school is now closed."

"This situation, according to the memoranda submitted to the board by the principal and supervising principal (and which are presented herewith), was precipitated by the withdrawal of the plumber from work at the Berret to another job. No one appears to know when he will return."

"An issue of fact has arisen as to the condition at the Petworth School. In a report to the Health Officer, forwarded by him to the board (and submitted herewith), the inspector in charge of the contagious disease service cites that the odor of certain basement rooms is 'extremely offensive'; that the flushing apparatus is partly out of order; and that 'water was seen oozing through a portion of the east wall, evidently from the outside of the building.'"

Notified of Conditions.

"This information was communicated to the board and the Executive Commissioner by the acting health officer and was made one of the subjects of a letter written by the assistant superin-